



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: BIOJELLY-PRODUCING MICROORGANISM, MICROORGANISM-CONTAINING COATING, MICROORGANISM-CONTAINING COATING FILM, AND METHOD OF PREVENTING ATTACHMENT OF LIFE

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, NIPPON PAINT CO., LTD., do depose, declare and state that:

We are the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application, as evidenced by the Assignment recorded on July 25, 2001, at REEL 012008, FRAME 0282.

We agree that upon allowance and issuance of the above-identified application into a United States Patent, restriction on availability of:

SHY1-1, Accession No. FERM BP-7623

which is designated in the specification of the above-identified application and was deposited with the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, at AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, on June 1, 2001, will be irrevocably removed, subject to the provisions set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.808(b).

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We agree that the above-identified deposit designated in the above-identified application will be maintained for a period of 30 years or 5 years after the last request for the deposit or for the effective life of any patent which issues on the above-identified application, whichever is longer;

We agree that if the deposit becomes non-viable, it will be replaced; and

We also assure access to the deposit to one determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 and 35 U.S.C. § 122.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

NIPPON PAINT CO., LTD.

Date: MAR. 14. 2003

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